

## REMARKS

### Summary of Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview with applicants' representatives on November 16, 2004.

At the interview, the applicants' representatives described the invention, discussed the claims and explained the differences in the invention as compared to Aoyama (U.S. Patent No. 6,301,592) and a reference to Microsoft Excel 2000 Help. The examiner indicated that the explanation was sufficient to overcome the Aoyama and Microsoft Excel references, but that additional searching may be required.

### Conclusion

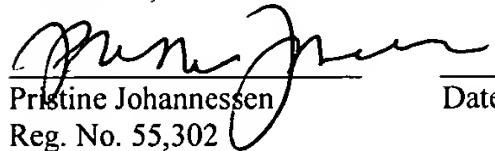
Claims 12 – 24 are pending. Amendments to the claims are not entered here, because Applicants have agreed to the examiner's claim amendments in view of allowing the claims, as discussed in a telephone conference on December 7, 2004.

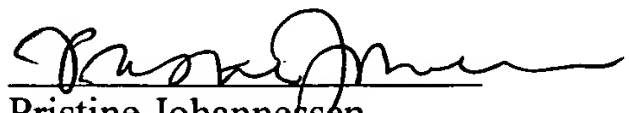
To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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